



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 13th February, 2023, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 26/23

PRESENT

Councillor Andy Hughes (Chair of Council)
Councillor Dave Parry (Vice Chair of Council)
Councillor John Glover
Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams
Councillor Emyr Morris
Councillor Allan Pennington
Councillor Julie Peters
Councillor Anne R. Rogers
Councillor Margaret G. Williams

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 27/23

APOLOGIES

Councillor David G. Jones
Councillor Haydn Owen

1(C). 28/23

ABSENT

None

2. 29/23

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

No attendance at meeting by public, no questions, comments or representations received prior to meeting.

3. 30/23

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was declared: Councillor John Glover: **Minute number: 7(B) (f). 35/23 on pages 5 & 6 below.**

4. 31/23

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY, 2023

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor David Parry and seconded by Councillor John Glover as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 32/23

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 5. 07/22 (1) (page 2)** – in relation to the Dyserth Kilns project. The Clerk advised that the structural report which was being arranged and paid for by Denbighshire County Council had not been completed. The Clerk would further contact Denbighshire.

Councillor David Parry advised that the fence surrounding the kilns area and newly constructed picnic area is required to be moved nearer to the kiln - which would thereafter allow access to the picnic area tables / seating. Councillor Parry will arrange. Councillors' Andy Hughes and Emyr Morris offered their assistance.

- (2) Minute no: 5. 07/22 (2) (page 2)** – in relation to the second phase of Dyserth High Street alleviation scheme. The Clerk advised that the County Council wished to hold a site meeting in the High Street on Monday 20th February at 13.00 hours.

Members agreed the following: Councillors' David Parry, Allan Pennington and Margaret Williams to attend on behalf of the Community Council. County Councillor David Williams confirmed his attendance.

- (3) Minute no: 5. 07/22 (3) (page 2)** – in relation to contacting Arriva Buses. The Clerk advised that following contacting County Councillor Barry Mellor for assistance, the e-mail address for the Chief Executive of Arriva was provided. The Clerk advised Members to the contents of e-mails from Mr. Howard Farrall (Chief Executive) and Mr. Adam Marshall (Local Arrive Buses Manager). The correspondence stated that the bus service through the Dyserth High Street would not return.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to invite Mr. Adam Marshall to the March Council meeting to discuss further.

- (4) Minute no: 5. 07/22 (5) (page 2)** – in relation to Public Recreational Open Spaces Commuted Sums. The Clerk advised that the application seeking the available funding of £6,191.16 had been sent to the County and had been acknowledged. The Clerk provided details in relation to the contents of equipment & work aspects contained in the application form.
- (5) Minute no: 6.08/22 (i) (page 3)** – in relation to a request to Denbighshire County Council to repaint the 'Slow' road markings and signage on the B5119 Waterfall Hill Road. The Clerk advised that the white lines had been repainted, however, the County did not consider the signage to be updated.
- (6) Minute no: 6.08/22 (iv) (pages 3 & 4)** – in relation to the Rights To Buy Scheme. The Clerk advised that County Councillor David Williams had sought confirmation from the Denbighshire County Council, whereby the County confirmed the following: That the

Rights to Buy Scheme was abolished by the Welsh Government in 2019; all Council tenants had been advised. The County also referred to the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Act 2018.

- (7) **Minute no: 8.18/23 (i) (page 7)** – in relation to Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams' attendance at Hwb Natur (Pethau Bychan Nature Hub), and in particular, to Dyserth's peregrine falcons. The Clerk read out to Members the contents of an e-mail received from Councillor Lloyd-Williams, and in particular, the protection afforded to peregrines under the Countryside and Wildlife Act 1981. Members discussed the protection aspects, whereby Councillors will make known personally to residents.

Pending Matters:

The Clerk advised, that the following matters remain in the pending file:

- (i) Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Clerk recollected Members that the AONB were seeking a Champion for each Community Council in Denbighshire. Councillor Anne Rogers advised that she has spoken to the area Coordinator to discuss the role, whereby a meeting will be held in the near future, which Councillor Rogers hoped to attend.
- (ii) Let's Play Out scheme. The Clerk advised that this Council were still awaiting an invoice for the 2022 scheme, together with a quotation for the 2023 scheme. The Clerk further advised that two requests have been made to the scheme Team Leader.

6. 33/23

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR DAVID G. WILLIAMS)

County Councillor David Williams advised Members in relation to the following:

- (1) Continuing rodent problem emanating from a property in Hiraddug Road. The Welsh Government Member for the area has suggested a joint meeting and to include the Member of Parliament and County Environmental Officers. Councillor Williams provided further information.
- (2) Request from resident in relation to the following: (1) additional street lighting in the area between the new housing estate and Maes Esgob (2) Additional play area equipment. Councillor Williams provided further information.
- (3) Councillor Williams provided members with details from a recent Denbighshire County Council meeting, and in particular, in relation to the introduction of the default 20mph speed limit in Wales. The Clerk read out the County report.
- (4) Councillor Williams discussed the retirement of a local business proprietor with Members. Following discussion, Councillor Emyr Morris agreed to make enquiries with a premises owner.

7(A). 34/23

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (a) The Clerk advised, that the following criminal offences had been reported to the North Wales Police, that had occurred within the Dyserth Community Council area:

1 x Burglary / 2 x Theft / 3 x Violence

- (b) Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: Notification of Annual Forum for Champions & Local Members & Community Councils, to be held on 2nd March commencing at 18.30 to 20.30. Venue to be notified.
- (c) Play Wales – Spaces for Playing & Meeting Children’s Needs: Invitation to attend an on-line meeting named: Meeting children’s needs - 14 March 2023 (10:00am – 1:00pm) by Zoom. The Clerk advised that Councillor Andy Hughes had kindly offered to attend on behalf of the Council.
- (d) The Clerk advised in relation to correspondence received from Sion Winter (Dyserth Junior Football Club). The letter thanked the Council for their continual financial assistance and provided an update in relation to the activities of the Club. The following questions posed in the letter sought the views of Councillors:
 - (i) Installation of a metal container adjacent to the newly constructed compound at a size of between 10 and 20 feet long.

The Clerk further advised of a request by the Denbighshire Youth Leader (Let’s Play Out) – for possible funding towards a storage container – similar to the above Junior Football Club’s request.

Members agreed the following: To arrange a site meeting with the Junior Football Club Secretary together with the Denbighshire – Let’s Play Out Youth Leader.

- (ii) Nets, ladders and servicing of/replacing the goals on the field. An application for £200.00 is listed on the evening’s financial information.
- (iii) U10’s football festival: proposed date Sunday 23rd July. The Football Club seek permission to hold the event on Council land
- (iv) Multi Games area floodlighting. Request for the timer switch to be adjusted.

The following correspondence was forwarded by e-mail to Members:

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Information in relation to the County budget for financial year 2023 / 2024
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Bio-diversity project to boost wildflowers on Denbighshire Hill-sides. Information forwarded to councillor David Parry
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Replacement Local Development Plan – Revised Delivery Agreement
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Notification in relation to Education grants. Information forwarded to Councillor John Glover – as Council’s Representative School Governor at Ysgol Hiraddug, Dyserth
- ❖ National Forest Woodland Liaison Officers: Information forwarded to Councillor David Parry – to share with Dyserth Environmental Group.
- ❖ Planning Inspectorate: Application by Awel Y Nor Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Wind Farm

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: On-line stakeholder survey
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Seeking Volunteers

7(B). 35/23

CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Received from and deposited into the Council's bank account:

- R N Williams (St. Asaph) - £820.00 refund for the cooker this Council purchased during the previous financial year for Patterson Community Hall. The cooker had become faulty under warranty, whereby a full refund has been made.

(b) Concern expressed by a resident to anti-social behaviour inside the red phone box sited off Dyserth High Street. This unacceptable behaviour occurs during a number of evenings whereby it is alleged that the smoking of illicit drugs occurs. The information had been passed to the local PCSO for Dyserth, who had advised, that extra patrols have been arranged.

(c) The Clerk recollected Members to an e-mail forwarded to Members following a reply received from a Denbighshire County Council Finance Officer. The Clerk had written to the County to enquire as to the reason for the reduction in the number of properties in the Dyserth Council area, in particular, with the increased properties being built on the housing development.

The reply from Denbighshire stated: 'The tax base has predominantly decreased for 2023 / 2024 due to the increase in the number of properties being charged the second home or long term empty premium. This has decreased by 15%. The number of properties on the current building estate were partly added with this current years tax base calculation and the number of properties has increased by 2% for the 2023 / 2024 estimate. There is also an increase of 8% of properties that are currently under an exemption from Council tax and there are 3% more properties claiming the single person discount'.

(d) Denbighshire County Council – Town & Community Councilor Training: The following Councillors advised of their attendance at the training sessions held virtually on Thursday 2nd February, and Tuesday 7th February in County Offices, Rhyl.

2nd February: Councillors' Delyth Lloyd-Williams & Haydn Owen

7th February: Councillors' David Jones, David Parry, Allan Pennington & Margaret Williams

The Clerk advised that Councillors' Andy Hughes and Julie Peters are booked on the training on Friday 31st March in Ruthin.

(e) Councillor John Glover had been informed by the Head Teacher of Ysgol Hiraddug, that the Wooden Pavilion building replacement project had been fully funded by the Denbighshire County Council.

(f) The Clerk advised the following information had been received from the Headteacher of Ysgol Hiraddug. Denbighshire County Council have provided the school with an estimate for the creation of a Wildlife Garden for the sum of £16,357. 20 plus VAT. The Headteacher sought the support of the Community Council to consider providing financial assistance towards the project.

Members agreed the following: As the Schools replacement wooden Pavilion building is now being fully funded by the County, the Community Council agree that the ear-marked £5,000.00 that was allocated towards the project, will now be allocated to the School's Wildlife Garden.

Councillor John Glover Declared an Interest in (f) above (Minute number: 3. 30/23 on pages 1 & 2 above)

- (g) The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following points raised during a recent inspection of the Children's Play & Multi Use Games by Aura Leisure:
- ❖ Request for the embankment area we cut again in March, this will then make it easier to treat the Mares Tail as it start to grow again
 - ❖ The eroded ground areas by the entrance to the New toddlers area such as extending the open weave tiles in the entrance way so that it doesn't become muddy and potentially cause a trip hazard
 - ❖ Where the Disc roundabout was located (previously removed) the existing wetpour needs a number of minor wetpour repairs to prevent it from being a trip hazard OR wait until a new play item is installed in this corner of the play area
 - ❖ Ball stop netting (MUGA)
- (h) The Clerk recollected to Councillors the successful second application for trees from The Woodland Trust, which are to be planted on Council land known as The Burial Field. Whilst the delivery of the trees will be between the 6th and 17th March, the area of planting requires some groundwork. A quotation had been received from Utility Contractors - who have completed work for the Council in this area previously - for the sum of £160.00.

Members agreed the following: The quotation for the sum of £160.00.

- (i) The Clerk recollected to Councillors a quotation accepted by Council at the October 2022 Council meeting for tree branch reduction following a complaint by a resident that the branches were impacting his property. The quotation accepted was from Glyn Higginson (Dyserth) for the sum of £440.00. Unfortunately, the Company had advised they were unable to complete the work. Following the Clerk contacting the Chair and Vice Chair of Council, an e-mail dated the 19th January, seeked Members to consider accepting the second quotation for the sum of £600.00. The mail also advised that as the quotation is for over £500.00, the suspension of financial standing orders will be required to be considered, whereby reasons have to be provided for the minutes. The reasons are the timescale that the homeowner has been awaiting for the branches to be cut; the trees are in the growing season; it was difficult to source quotations due the height of the tree branches.

The Clerk advised that all Councillors had replied in the positive, whereafter a Work Order was issued to Ian Murray (Chainsaw Carving) of Rhyl.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the decision agreed by e-mail in-between meetings to accept the quotation for £600.00, together with the suspension of Financial Standing Orders – as per the reasons outlined above.

- (j) The Clerk advised that Katy Binchan from Dyserth - the bus shelter theme painter had enquired if the Council wished to agreed future themes.

The painting of 'Kill Your Speed' messages were discussed that has been painted on bus shelter glass in an adjoining Council area.

Members agreed the following: (1) Easter and Summer themes (2) The Clerk to enquire with Denbighshire County Council, to seek permission for this Council to have similar messages (Kill Your Speed) on the bus shelter in Tre Castell.

7(C). 36/23

TO CONSIDER: DRAFT COMMUNITY AWARD POLICY & NOMINATION FORM

The Clerk advised Members that a Community Award was held successfully in a number of Council areas and wished this Council to consider, if a Community Award was appropriate for this Council. The Clerk had sent prior to the meeting a draft policy and nomination form for information.

Members agreed the following: Adopted a Community Award Policy and Nomination Form. The Clerk to advertise the scheme and report further at the March Council meeting.

8(A). 37/23

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) Councillor Andy Hughes provided a report from the Community Hall.
- (ii) Councillor Margaret Williams provided a report from the Dyserth Waterfall Committee, and in particular, advised that the access to the street lamp at the entrance to the car park had been rectified.

8(B). 38/23

TO APPOINT: COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE SCHOOL GOVERNOR (YSGOL HIRADDUG)

The Clerk advised that the Clerk to the Ysgol Hiraddug School Governors had written to advise that the term of office for Councillor John Glover was a period of four years and would cease in My 2025.

Councillor Glover advised that he had informed the Headteacher of his resignation as the Council's Representative School Governor, due to other commitments.

Members agreed the following: (1) Appointed Councillor Andy Hughes, as this Council's Representative School Governor (2) Thanked Councillor John Glover for his time as this Council's Representative School Governor, and especially for the work he had completed during his time in office.

9(A). 39/23

PLANNING

The following planning application(s) were considered by Members at the meeting:

- No applications received

9(B). 40/23

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions have been received from Denbighshire County Council:

- (i) Application number: 42/2022/0874 – for the erection of extension and alterations to dwelling, including new first floor accommodation, installation of solar panels and air source heat pump, at 17 St. Asaph Road, Dyserth. Refused.

- (ii) Application number: 42/2022/1046 – for variation of condition number 2 of planning permission code no: 42/2018/0929 to allow amended design, at Dincolyn, Dyserth. Approved.

10. 41/23

TO DISCUSS: PROVISION OF SAFETY HANDRAIL – TRAFFIC LIGHTS CROSSROADS TO HIGH STREET (CLLR DELYTH LLOYD-WILLIAMS)

Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams addressed Members in relation to her concerns to the lack of a hand rail on the A5151 Road - from its junction with the B5119 Waterfall traffic lights junction.

Since the ceasing of a number of Arriva bus services that used to travel through the High Street centre; nowadays passengers have to alight at the traffic lights junction and walk up the hill. Whilst this is extremely difficult for a number of residents and especially during the winter months and inclement weather the pavements are quite dangerous for all pedestrians.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to the County Council seeking a site meeting to discuss the provision of a hand rail on one or both sides of the street, or other supportive assistance.

11. 42/23

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for January) Payments dated 01/02/2023			
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Denbighshire County Council (Dyserth Christmas lighting)	1,628.00	325.60	1,953.60
	Denbighshire County Council (Street light repair at entrance to Waterfall Car Park)	55.47	11.09	66.56
	D M Jones (Supply of two Christmas trees (High Street & Waterfall))	520.00		520.00
	Utility Contractors (Dave Ruane) Safety rail installation at Dyserth kilns	478.63		478.63
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for January)	50.00		50.00
	Mick Dodd (Electrical) (1) Purchase of new Christmas lights £223.00 (2) Christmas tree lights installation and removal £590.00	813.00	162.60	975.60
	R P Parry (Clerk) Reimbursement of quarter share with			

	other Councils of Microsoft 365 Business renewal (£112.80 / £28.20) plus VAT £22.56 (VAT paid by Caerwys Town Council)	28.20		28.20
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12. 43/23

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u>	
	Paterson Hall, Dyserth (Application for funding for new dual cooker at £499.99, together with cost of a specialist installation at £320.00). Council agreed to pay direct to the electrical shop named E. Jones & Sons (Denbigh), together with the electrical installation by French Connections Electrical (Rhyl) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£819.99
	Dyserth Junior Football Club (Application for £200.00 – to cover cost of new football nets, step ladders and paint for goalposts) (Section 19 - 3 LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)	£200.00
	Macmillan Cancer Support (Application for general financial assistance) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£200.00

13. 44/23

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COUNCIL

DATE OF APPROVAL.....